

Educational Horizons Charter School

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Minutes for Educational Horizons Charter School Governing Board Meeting Wednesday July 9, 2025

Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by April Etter at 3:29 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

Attendees:

April Etter - Governing Board President, EHCS

Eileen Tapp - Board Member, EHCS

Tanya Grace - Board Member, EHCS

Dr. Erik A. Thorson - Board Approved Operator and Designee, EHCS

Paul Galloway - Principal, EHCS

Josephine Parker - Assistant Principal, ESE, EHCS

Approval of Previous Meeting:

A review of minutes from June 11, 2025, was presented for Board Members to refer to.

Motion by Aileen Tapp to accept and approve minutes from the June 11, 2025, board meeting, Seconded by Tanya Grace. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussions and Resolutions:

1. April Etter presented the annual nomination for **Board Member Roles**.
April nominated Aileen Tapp for new Board Chair effective immediately.
Seconded by Tanya Grace. Motion passed 3-0.
Aileen Tapp motioned for April Etter secretary.
Seconded by Tanya Grace. Motion passed 3-0.
April Etter motioned Tanya Grace as treasurer.
Seconded by Tapp. Motion passed 3-0.
2. Dr. Thorson presented the **Final Budget for 2025-26** from Flavin and Nooney.
A balanced budget based on assumption and district monies and expenses was completed. Dr. Thorson mentioned he will still be attempting to lower some vendor costs, but for as long as we keep 141 students during both count weeks, we will have a perfect budget for the 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion from Grace about contracted services including the increase for West Melbourne Police Department.

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Aileen Tapp motioned to accept the annual 2025-2026 school budget.

Seconded by Grace. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Mr. Galloway presented the **Mental Health Allocation Plan** and discussed all of the components of the plan in a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion was had regarding what mental health counselor the school had been using and the effectiveness of providing this service to those students in need.

Motion to accept the Mental Health Allocation Plan by Tanya Grace. Seconded by April Etter. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Dr. Thorson led the **Construction Update**. Spoke about having to extend the contract on the land, due to the fact that Palm Bay would like a turning lane to put in that would put the project out of reach. Mr. McKinney has decided to put a team together to lobby the council in order to have that requirement dropped, thus putting the plan back on target. No vote was completed on this report.
5. Mr. Galloway provided his **Principal Report**, which included the good news that Educational Horizons Charter is "A" rated once again. He spoke about areas that needed to be improved, reading across the board and math facts in all grades. He talked about staffing and areas we are still hiring. We are still looking for two certified reading teachers for our students. We have multiple interviews scheduled and are optimistic. He also introduced Josephine Parker, our new Assistant Principal, ESE teacher, and all of her duties and attributes. No vote was conducted for this report.
6. Dr. Thorson, in his **Management Report**, reiterated all the things that were said in his construction report. No vote was conducted for either report.
7. April Etter asked for public comments and questions and asked if the website, email and phone messages were checked. She was informed that there were no comments or questions for the board at this time.

Meeting Adjourned:

April motion to adjourn at 4:04 p.m. Seconded by Aileen Tapp. Motion passed 3-0.